Utilisation of off-shore gas in Maharashtra

1510. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Working Group was constituted for utilisation of off-shore gas in Maharashtra;

(b) whether Government of Maharashtra had demanded 14.7 million cubic meters of gas per day;

(c) whether the Government of Maharashtra recommended the demand of Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd. for 1 million cubic meters of methanic gas; and

(d) whether Government have considered these demands; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) In 1979, a Working Group under the chairmanship of Adviser (Energey) Planning Commission was set up to examine the optimum utilisation of gas from the Western Offshore Region. From time to time this question has been examined in view of the changes in the availability of gas, and other relevant parameters.

(b) to (d) The Government of Maharashtra have made requests for allocation of gas for various projects from time to time. At present about 14.5 MMCMD of gas has been committed for various projects in Maharashtra (including ONGC's internal consumption at Uran). This included 0.15 MMCMD of gas for M/s. Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd.

Distribution of Power in the States

1511. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHKRISHNA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating any formula for the distribution of power in the States; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) Details regarding the sharing formula for distribution of power from Central generating stations to the States of the Region are given below:—

Sharing Formula for :

I. *Central Sector Thermal Power Projects*

(i) 15 per cent power is kept unallocated at the disposal of the Centre to meet the urgent requirements of individual States in the Region from time to time,

(ii) 10 per cent power is allocated to the "Home State" in which the power station is located,

(iii) The balance 75 per cent power is distributed amongst the beneficiary States in the Region, including the "Home State", in accordance with the energy consumption by, and the Central Plan assistance to, the States during the last five years. The needs of the Union Territories are also met by appropriate allocation.

II. *Central Sector Hydro-Electric Power Projects*

(i) 15 per cent of the generation capacity is kept as "unallocated" at the disposal of the Central Government to be distributed within the Region or outside, depending upon overall requirements;

(ii) The "Home State" *i.e.* where the project is located is supplied 12 per cent of power from the energy generated by the power station, free of cost. The "energy generated" figure for the purpose is calculated at the bus-bar level, *i.e.* after discontinuing the auxiliary consumption but without taking into account the transmission line losses; and